

CHENANGO BAPTIST ... ASSOCIATION ...



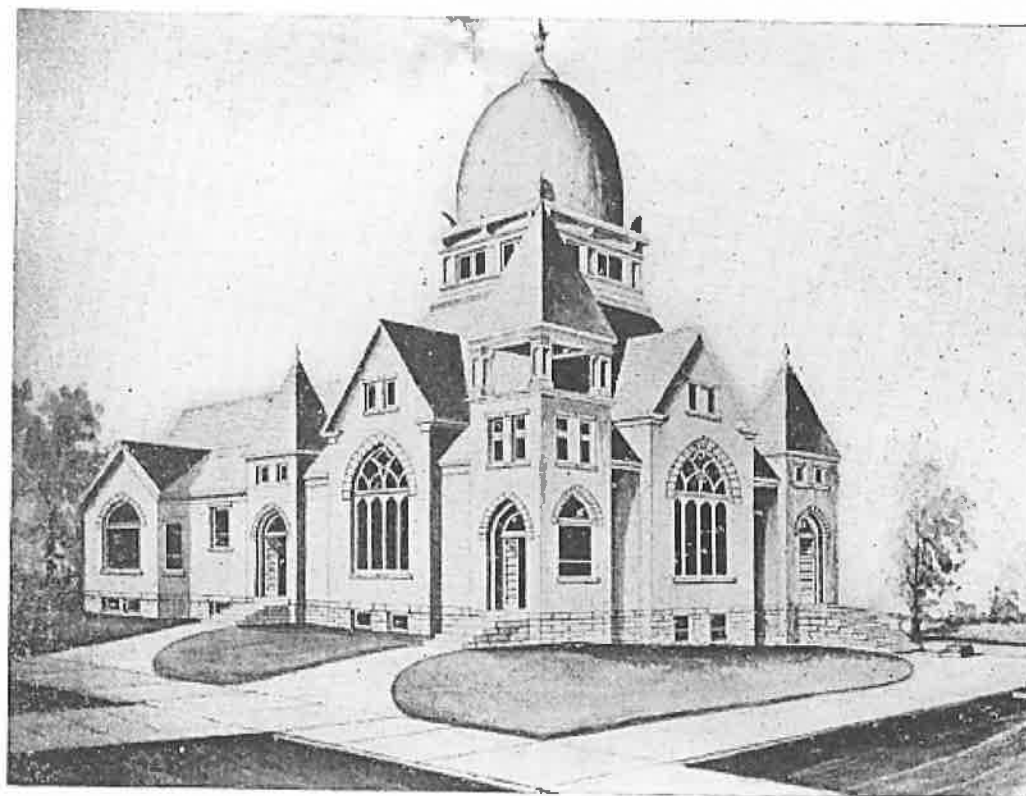
HELD AT ORBENE, N. Y., OCTOBER 9th and 10th.



M. S. Parker, Greene, N. Y., Corresponding Sec'y.



Next Annual Meeting, Bainbridge, Oct. 8 and 9, 1902.



THE CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH,
GREENE, NEW YORK.
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MINUTES
OF THE
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PASTORS AND RESIDENT MINISTERS.

ASQUITH, F. W.	McDonough
BACON, E. A.	New Berlin
BARBER, J. C.	Greene
BOWLER, GEORGE	South Otselic
BURTON, C. J.	Brisbin
BUCHANAN, E. V.	Smyrna
DECKER, W. P.	Pitcher
DRAKE, C. E.	South New Berlin
FORD, S. J.	(Calvary) Norwich
GANONG, J. B.	Earlville
GRIFFITH, J. W.	Sherburne
MCMILLAN, H. R.	Plymouth
MERRILL, H. C.	Afton
PARSONS, C. B.	Oxford
PECK, P. J.	Triangle
RAY, J. L.	Norwich
REED, C. D.	Bainbridge

BARROWS, A. W.	McDonough
BENNETT, PROF. W. M.	Bainbridge
DARBY, C.	Greene
*DEMORIER, W. E.	Afton
*LEWIS, WARD	Norwich
STARKWEATHER, G. A.	Coventry
WEST, FRANCIS	Bainbridge
YALE, L. B.	Bainbridge

*Licenciates.

Places of Meeting and Moderators.

1891—Bainbridge	Rev. J. C. Barber
1892—Greene	Rev. T. G. Cass
1893—Triangle	Rev. W. C. Gates
1894—Earlville	Dea. J. S. Shattuck
1895—Brisbin	Rev. J. C. Barber
1896—Oxford	Rev. F. H. Richardson
1897—Sherburne	Rev. H. Hill
1898—Norwich	Rev. J. E. Vassar
1899—Afton	Rev. R. N. Martin
1900—New Berlin	Rev. J. B. Ganong
1901—Greene	Rev. J. L. Ray

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This body shall be called the CHENANGO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this Association shall be to preserve the statistics of the denomination, to promote Christian intercourse and love, unanimity of faith and practice, and unity of effort in the great cause of human salvation.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

This Association shall be composed of the regular Baptist churches of Chenango county and vicinity, which comply with the constitution and rules of order.

ARTICLE IV.—ANNUAL MEETING.

This Association shall meet annually at the place previously appointed, on the second Wednesday in October, at 10:30 A. M.

ARTICLE V.—DELEGATES.

Each church shall be entitled to four delegates and one additional delegate for every fifty members or fraction thereof above the first fifty.

ARTICLE VI.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary, who shall be chosen at each annual session, and shall attend to their respective duties until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE VII.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

The Moderator shall preside at the meeting of the Association. The Clerk shall keep a fair and impartial record of business transactions during all sessions. The Corresponding Secretary shall take charge of all papers belonging to the Association and correspond with such societies, churches, or individuals as the Association may direct. The Treasurer when desired shall receive the funds contributed by the churches for benevolent objects, keep a correct account of the same and pay them out at the direction of the donors, and make a report to the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII.—MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

There shall be a Missionary committee consisting of six members, two of whom shall be elected annually for the term of three years. Their duties shall be to supervise the missionary interests of the Association and to act as an advisory body upon any other question affecting the unity and spirituality of the churches.

ARTICLE IX.—ANNUAL MESSAGES.

The churches belonging to this Association shall send to the Clerk two weeks previous to the annual meeting, written accounts of their statistics during the year past, together with whatever relates to their

peace and prosperity, and the general interest of the cause of Christ. By their delegates they shall forward money for printing the Minutes and expenses of the Corresponding Secretary, and vouchers for moneys given for missionary and benevolent purposes.

ARTICLE X.—ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP.

Churches petitioning for admission into this Association shall be examined in relation to their doctrine and practice; if approved the Moderator shall give them the right hand of fellowship, and they shall be designated in the Minutes.

ARTICLE XI.—AUTHORITY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Although as an Association we utterly disclaim any power over the churches so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline, yet we deem it our duty to judge for ourselves the propriety of retaining any church in our Association, which to us shall appear heterodox in principle or irregular in practice. Any church not reporting at the annual meeting for two years may, by vote be dropped from the roll of churches.

ARTICLE XII.—PROGRAMME COMMITTEE.

The Programme committee shall consist of representatives of each of the following interests: Sunday School work, Women's Home Mission Society, Woman's Foreign Mission Society and Young People's work. The pastor or his representatives, in the church where the Association meets shall be chairman of this committee.

ARTICLE XIII.—AMENDMENTS.

Amendments and alterations in this constitution may be made at any Annual Meeting if deemed expedient. A two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting shall be necessary to make the change.

RULES OF ORDER.

SEC. 1.—In the absence of the Moderator, the preacher of the annual sermon shall perform his duties, and shall preside until the election of a new Moderator.

SEC. 2.—The officer presiding at the beginning of the annual meeting shall appoint a Committee for the nomination of officers, which shall report immediately after the annual sermon.

SEC. 3.—At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the Moderator, or by whomsoever he may direct.

SEC. 4.—Ministers and brethren present, invited to a seat with us, may debate on all subjects but vote on none.

SEC. 5—No person shall speak twice on the same motion, unless by permission of the Association.

SEC. 6—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded upon the Minutes unless ordered at the time.

SEC. 7—If, when a motion has been made and seconded, a member oppose its being discussed, the moderator shall immediately put the question "Shall the question be discussed?" when if negative, the subject shall be dismissed.

SEC. 8—If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points it shall be divided, at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.

SEC. 9—The Moderator shall nominate all committees, unless it be otherwise directed by the Association.

SEC. 10—The Moderator shall have the right to speak on all matters belonging to the Association, provided the chair is filled by another person.

SEC. 11—Motions for adjournment shall always be in order, except while one is speaking, or a vote being taken. They shall not be discussed.

SEC. 12—On opening business the second day, the roll of delegates from the churches shall be called, and the names of those who have not arrived shall be stricken off.

SEC. 13—Minutes of each sitting shall be read, corrected and approved at the beginning of the following sitting. The minutes of the last sitting shall be read at its close.

SEC. 14—COMMITTEES: There shall be the following committees.

1. Committee on the State of Religion.
2. Committee on Benevolence.
3. Committee on Obituaries.
4. Committee to Nominate for vacancies on Missionary Com.
5. Committee on place of Next Meeting.
6. Committee on programme.
7. Committee to Audit Treasurer's Account.
8. Committee on the Nomination of officers.

SEC. 15—No person shall speak in debate without rising from his seat and respectfully addressing himself to the Moderator, and shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personalities.

SEC. 16—No motion or proposition different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

SEC. 17—Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the Moderator or any member desire it.

SEC. 18—These rules may be changed by a two-third vote of the delegates present and voting at any regular sitting.

OFFICERS FOR 1901.

REV. J. L. RAY, D. D.	Moderator
REV. C. B. PARSONS	Clerk
DEA. M. S. PARKER	Corresponding Secretary
DEA. L. E. JACKSON	Treasurer

Missionary Committee.

Rev. J. W. Griffith	Three years
Rev. C. D. Reed	Three years
Rev. C. B. Parsons, chairman	Two years
Rev. J. C. Barber	Two years
Rev. J. L. Ray, clerk	One year
Rev. E. A. Bacon	One year

Ass'l Directress for Woman's Home Mission Society,
MRS. G. H. JOHNSON, Norwich.

Ass'l Directress for Woman's Foreign Mission Society,
MISS MYRA SHATTUCK, Norwich.

Delegates to State Convention.

Rev. C. B. Parsons, Rev. J. L. Ray, Rev. S. J. Ford, Rev. H. C. Merrill,
Rev. J. C. Barber, Bro. George Carr, Mrs. S. J. Ford.

Officers of the Baptist Christian Endeavor Union.

RALPH W. KIRBY	President
(Bainbridge.)	
J. A. BRIGGS	Vice President
(Earlville.)	
MISS MAY FRINK	Secretary and Treasurer
(New Berlin)	

Committee on Programme for 1902.

Rev. C. D. Reed, chairman, Bro. A. B. Ireland, Rev. C. B. Parsons,
Mrs. G. H. Johnson, Miss Myra Shattuck.

MINUTES.

Sixty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Chenango Baptist Association held
at Greene, N. Y., October 9th and 10th, 1901.

Rev. J. B. Ganong Moderator of last year, called the Association to order at 10:30 A. M. He said, "it is a pleasure to meet this beautiful morning, in this convenient place for worship."

The Congregation sang, "How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord."

Rev. C. E. Drake offered prayer.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren to nominate officers for the Association, Dea. J. S. Shattuck, Dea. L. E. Jackson, Rev. J. C. Barber.

The congregation sang, "I'm hiding in Thee."

Rev. W. P. Decker, read the Scriptures, selecting Revelations, the twenty-first chapter.

Rev. H. S. Loyd D. D., offered prayer.

Rev. W. P. Decker preached the Annual Sermon. Text, Matthew, sixth chapter, the ninth and tenth verses, "After this manner therefore pray ye saying, Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come."

First: For what to come, is the petition, "thy kingdom come?" The government of God.

Second: The meaning of, "Let come thy kingdom." Embraces:

1. The start to come.
2. The steps of progress in coming.

(a) The conversion of individuals to acceptance of the Will of God as the rule of living.

(b) Increase of actual submission of converts to the Will of God.

(c) Pushing the frontiers of territory occupied by Christ's preachers, further out into the wilderness of paganism.

3. The arrival of the kingdom.

(a) In the undated future.

(b) Closely following the resurrection from the dead,

(c) Co-incident with the delivering of the Kingdom by Christ to God the Father, when Christ becomes subject and God is, all in all.

Third: Some considerations which urge to praying, "thy Kingdom come."

1. Love of nature.
2. Love of country.
3. Love of man.
4. Love of Christ; which includes the former.

The congregation sang, "I love thy Kingdom Lord."

The Nominating committee reported:

For Moderator, Rev. J. L. Ray, D. D.

For Clerk, Rev. C. B. Parsons.

For Treasurer, Dea. L. E. Jackson.

For Corresponding Secretary, Dea. M. S. Parker.

The report was adopted, and the new Moderator took the chair.

Dea. M. S. Parker read the letter of the Greene church.

On motion, Dr. Loyd was invited to speak on Ministerial Education before the recess.

Rev. C. Darby, offered prayer and Rev. J. B. Ganong pronounced the benediction.

Recess was taken until 1:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 1:30 o'clock. After singing and prayer, the Moderator appointed the following regular committees.

On State of Religion:—Dea. J. S. Shattuck, Rev. F. W. Asquith, Rev. C. J. Burton.

On Benevolence:—Rev. C. E. Drake, Dea. M. S. Parker, Rev. H. C. Merrill.

On Obituaries:—Rev. E. A. Bacon, Rev. A. W. Barrows, Rev. J. B. Ganong.

On Nominating for Vacancies in Missionary committee:—Rev. S. J. Ford, Rev. W. P. Decker, Bro. E. M. Pike,

On Place of Next Meeting:—Rev. C. D. Reed, Rev. C. E. Drake, Rev. J. C. Barber.

On Programme:—Rev. C. D. Reed, Mrs. G. H. Johnson, Miss Myra Shattuck, A. B. Ireland, Rev. C. B. Parsons.

To Audit Treasurer's Accounts:—Bro. W. D. Kirby, Bro. Charles Webb, Bro. George Christman.

Miss Carrie Millsbaugh addressed the Association on the "General Work of the Woman's Home Mission Society." A collection was taken for the Society; the amount was \$9.17.

Mrs. G. H. Johnson read her annual report for the work of the Woman's Home Mission Society in Chenango Association.

The Moderator appointed Rev. C. J. Burton and Rev. H. C. Merrill to read the church letters; reading of the annual messages followed.

The North Norwich church having sent a delegate, asking admission into the Association, a committee was appointed to examine into the facts about the organization. The committee consisted of Dea. J. S. Shattuck, Rev. C. B. Parsons and Rev. J. C. Barber. Later the committee reported that the North Norwich church is properly organized, and should be received into the Association.

On motion the report was adopted, and the Moderator gave the right hand of fellowship to Bro. W. W. Smith, the delegate of the

North Norwich Baptist Church.

Miss Myra Shattuck, Associational Directress for the Woman's Foreign Mission Society read her annual report, and also the report of the Junior Secretary, Mrs. P. A. Hayes.

Mrs. E. G. Wheeler spoke for the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

On motion, Rev. C. L. Rhoades addressed the Association on the Sunday school work of the American Baptist Missionary Union.

After announcements, the choir sang and Rev. F. W. Asquith offered prayer, following with the benediction.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

The session opened at 7:00 o'clock, with a praise service, led by Rev. P. J. Peck.

In the absence of the Moderator, temporarily, Rev. J. C. Barber introduced Rev. C. L. Rhoades, who addressed the Association on Russia and Christian missions.

After the reading of the minutes for the afternoon session and singing by the choir, Rev. H. C. Merrill offered prayer, and the Association took a recess until Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

A sunrise prayer meeting was held at 6:30 o'clock. There was a good attendance and an excellent interest. Rev. C. E. Drake was leader.

The Association met at nine o'clock. Rev. C. J. Burton led a service of song and prayer.

At 9:15, the Moderator called the Association to order, Rev. C. B. Parsons offered prayer; after which the standing committees reported, all reports being adopted. (see reports)

The following brethren were appointed delegates to the annual meeting of the New York State Baptist Missionary Convention, Rev. C. B. Parsons, Rev. J. L. Ray, Rev. S. J. Ford, Rev. H. C. Merrill, Rev. J. C. Barber, Bro. George Carr, Mrs. S. J. Ford.

Addresses on Benevolences were given as follows: Ministers' Home, Rev. C. B. Parsons, American Baptist Publication Society, Rev. C. J. Burton, New York State Baptist Missionary Convention, Rev. C. D. Reed.

Miss Lucy Jennison read the history of the First Church of Norwich. According to the program, Rev. J. L. Ray, D. D. addressed the Association on "Spiritual Power and the Kingdom of Jesus Christ" Discussion followed upon the same subject, led by Revs. F. W. Asquith, and H. R. McMillan, followed by Revs. C. D. Reed, A. W. Barrows.

After announcements, singing, and prayer by Rev. E. A. Bacon, the Association took a recess until 1:30 P. M.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock, Rev. F. W. Asquith led a praise and prayer service for one-half hour.

On motion the Association requested the sermon of Rev. W. P. Decker, for publication.

On motion, an offering was taken to complete the amount needed for printing the Minutes, and programs used at this anniversary. Amount \$6.03.

The program as printed was taken up. Rev. S. J. Ford spoke on "The Sunday School and the Kingdom of Jesus Christ,—the Work." Rev. E. A. Bacon spoke on "The Sunday school and the Kingdom of Jesus Christ,—the Workers."

Discussion of the above topic followed: Rev. C. D. Reed opened the same.

The report of the Missionary committee was read and accepted.

By request Mrs. G. H. Johnson gave a brief talk on the Home Department work of the Sunday school.

After singing, Rev. J. W. Griffith preached; text II Peter 1: 17, "Honor the King." There is only one real king, Christ. Honor him.

I. By a living representation of the kingdom's principles.

II. By a living conservation of the kingdom's principles.

III. By a lasting extension of the kingdom's principles.

Rev. S. J. Ford offered prayer and recess was taken until evening.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

At the meeting at 7:30 o'clock, the following motion was made and adopted unanimously.

RESOLVED, That we express our sincere gratitude to the Greene church and to all who have entertained us here, for their pains taking and generous hospitality.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet in Bainbridge, October, 8, 1902.

J. L. RAY,
Moderator.

C. B. PARSONS,
Clerk.

REPORTS.

I—On State of Religion.

Your Committee on State of Religion would respectfully report that we note from the letters submitted by the churches to the Association a spirit of hopefulness in regard to the future. We find that as the work of over three thousand members we have added to the different churches during the year one hundred and twenty-two members by baptism; that while we note these additions to our ranks with pleasure there is sadness in our hearts that the number is not much larger. We feel the need of a greater consecration on the part of the churches composing this Association and a deeper work of grace in the hearts of the individual Christians.

J. S. SHATTUCK,
F. W. ASQUITH,
C. J. BURTON.

II—On Benevolences.

Your Committee on Benevolences after having examined the statistics as far as submitted, do report that during this year of financial prosperity there has been a falling off of benevolences of at least twenty-five per cent. Let each one form their own conclusion.

C. E. DRAKE,
M. S. PARKER,
H. S. MERRILL.

III—On Obituaries.

Death has been busy among us during the past year. So far as reported fifty-three have been called home; our loss is their gain. As the workers fall one by one let us redouble our diligence and see that the work for the Master goes forward with increased power.

E. A. BACON,
J. B. GANONG,
A. W. BARROWS.

DEACON EDWIN H. CADY, OF NEW BERLIN, AGED 66 YEARS.

He was received into the New Berlin Baptist church by baptism May 12, 1850. In 1873 he was made a deacon, a position which his father occupied until his death in 1871. Deacon Cady was a man of few words but his deeds spoke for him. He had a marked spiritual influence upon the church, and he was also one of its most staunch supporters financially. In a high sense he had the grace of faithful stewardship. One hears nothing but praise for his character as citizen, neighbor and man.

From *The Examiner* of July 11, 1901.

IV—On Vacancies in Missionary Committee.

Your Committee to nominate brethren to fill vacancies in the Missionary Committee report: For three years, Rev. J. W. Griffith, Rev. C. D. Reed; for one year to fill vacancy caused by removal of Rev. R. N. Martin, from the Association, Rev. J. L. Ray, D. D.

S. J. FORD,
W. P. DECKER,
E. M. PIKE.

V—On Place of Next Meeting.

Your Committee on place of next meeting would recommend that the Association accept the invitation of the First Bainbridge church in 1902.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES D. REED,
C. E. DRAKE,
J. C. BARBER.

VI.—On Auditing Treasurer's Account.

Your Auditing Committee, report: We have examined the treasurer's accounts for the past year and find them correct.

W. D. KIRBY,
C. WEBB,
GEORGE CHRISTMAN.

VII.—Of Missionary Committee.

Your Missionary Committee has been able, during the year, to perform chiefly only routine work, in approving applications of churches for aid from the State Convention. Five churches have received help in supporting their pastors, as the result of our endorsement.

At our meeting one year ago, we recommended that the Convention help the churches at New Berlin and Greene in contemplated repairs or rebuilding. We limited the recommendation for New Berlin to \$500 and of Greene to \$1,200.

Besides the above services, we were invited in July to come to Coventry to advise the church in a somewhat perplexing difficulty. We went and succeeded in helping the brethren adjust all matters. The pastor ceased his labors at that time and at our suggestion, Bro. Burton of Brisbin, has preached there nearly every Sunday since July first; he is much encouraged at the outlook.

We feel that your committee fails largely in performing the evangelistic work which should be expected of us. We are ready to respond to your invitations to engage in this work.

C. B. PARSONS, Chairman
J. L. RAY, Secretary
E. A. BACON,
J. W. GRIFFITH,
J. C. BARBER,
C. D. REED.

VIII—Report of the
Woman's Foreign Mission Society,
Miss Myra L. Shattuck, Directress.

In considering the Woman's Foreign Mission work in this Association we can look back two years and feel encouraged: but when we reach the record of 1898 and find the gift reported to be \$100 more than we report this year, it does not have that effect. The year closing March 1, 1901 gives us credit for \$387.29. \$600 is the amount which the Board requests from this Association and it is apportioned among the different churches according to membership.

This year three churches exceeded their apportionment, Oxford, Smyrna, Plymouth; and three more very nearly reached theirs, Coventry, East Pharsalia and McDonough. It is a fact worthy of careful thought that the smaller churches give more in proportion to their membership than do the large churches.

Another and curious fact, is that the number of women reported by the missionary secretaries is much smaller than one would expect from the church membership as given in the minutes. If the church rolls do not show a membership of more than half men, the church clerks and the missionary secretaries need to confer about their figures.

Only five out of the twenty-one churches have Circles holding regular meetings. That being the case, missionary interest cannot be expected to increase. A meeting once a month, or once in two months or only once a quarter, if maybe, keeps the subject before the women and furnishes a center to work from.

The programs for these meetings should be carefully prepared; they should be spiritual as well as entertaining and instructive.

Hold up Christ so that those who attend will feel that the work is His and that we are laborers together with Him. If possible have original papers prepared for the meetings, seeing that plenty of material is provided the writer. She will learn much doing the necessary reading and one at least will be benefited if there are only a few who hear the paper read.

All kinds of helps can be obtained from the Secretary at Boston. There are boxes for intermittent givers, envelopes for those who give monthly, pledges for those who prefer to pay at once. The boxes and envelopes with accompanying letters and some other leaflets are furnished free of charge, while other literature can be purchased at a small cost.—I shall be glad to furnish price-lists to any who care for them.

When it is impossible for the women to meet together to read about missions, let them pledge themselves to spend at least an hour each month reading on the subject in their homes. One or two copies of the *Helping Hand* and a package of the literature mentioned, would

furnish interesting material and could be passed from one to another.

The woman's annual meeting of the Association affords an opportunity for inspiration and help to those who attend. Last June we had with us Miss Righter, of China, for whose work we send special contributions yearly. Besides speaking at the annual meeting at Oxford she visited six churches. It is a source of regret that there are not usually more than seven or eight churches represented at this meeting. We urge its importance to mission workers, to those who are interested in the subject, and to the indifferent, and ask that you all endeavor to increase the attendance next year. The hope of the work is in a better understanding of the need and our relation to it. Oh! If we only understood! If we could put ourselves in the place of the missionary who is obliged to do double work because we refuse to send her a helper! If we could feel her disappointment when she receives word to "retrench wherever possible, by no means advance the work, there is a lack of funds." If we could feel her heartache when she says "no" to those seeking after light, who beg that teachers be sent to their village. If we could feel her loneliness when, alone in a strange land, among strange people, she realizes that the women in the home churches do not care enough about the work they have undertaken, to support it substantially. Listen to the words of one who recently went out, "Do not, Oh! I beg of you, do not let go of me! We so need the sympathy, the love and the prayers of you all."

STATISTICS.

Afton.....	\$ 9 00
Afton, Vallonia Springs chapel.....	10 00
Bainbridge, Second church.....	4 00
Coventry.....	3 00
Earlville.....	5 00
Greene.....	16 00
McDonough.....	2 50
New Berlin.....	4 85
Norwich, First.....	75 50
Oxford.....	35 95
East Pharsalia.....	2 05
Pitcher.....	3 22
Plymouth.....	7 75
Sherburne.....	9 50
Smyrna.....	22 00
South New Berlin.....	15 00
South Otselic.....	23 97
	\$249 29

FOR BIBLE WOMAN'S FUND.

Greene, Mrs. Geo. Harrington.....	\$ 5 00
Norwich, First.....	17 00
Oxford.....	5 00
Sherburne.....	10 00
Smyrna.....	3 00
South New Berlin.....	5 00
	\$ 45 00

IX—Report of the
Woman's Home Mission Society
Mrs. G. H. Johnson, Ass'l Directress.

Another year has passed and we meet at our annual gathering to pray, to plan and to report another year's work in His name and for His sake. We report a year of blessing and encouragement along many lines, although all has not been accomplished that was hoped to see at the beginning of the year. Before we recount the work done the past year a look backward fourteen years may be helpful and our zeal may be quickened by what has been done to undertake more in the future. In 1886 Mrs. Root wife of the Rev. Mr. Root, pastor of the Baptist church at Oxford was appointed by the Board at Chicago, director of the Woman's Home Mission Society in Chenango county. Soon after Mr. Root resigned his pastorate at Oxford and with their removal the work was left without any one to represent it. About that time your present Director listened to an address by Miss Mary G. Burdette telling us of the great need of sending Women Missionaries, with warm hearts and willing hands into the dark places in our own country to teach and lead the women and girls to a better life, and to carry the gospel of the Son of God into homes as dark as those found in heathen lands.

As an outcome of that address an interest was kindled in my heart that has never died out, it was then I began to pray the Lord to send some one to take up and carry on the work and fill the place made vacant by the removal of Mrs. Root. Soon after I received a letter from Miss Burdette telling me that I had been appointed Director of the Woman's Home Mission work in the county saying in her own positive way that the Board believed it was of the Lord and therefore they could not take no for an answer. I took the work committing all into God's hands saying in my heart, Lord if it is Thy will I will do the best I can. At that time there were only two societies in the county, one at Norwich and one at Oxford. To day as I look back over the last fourteen years I see results that rebuke my little faith and I can truly say God has wrought and helped and blest, to him be all the glory.

We have reported this last year thirteen societies, one more than the year before. We have also a childrens' band at Smyrna which is the only society in the county that has worked with their hands and sent goods to Missionaries the past year.

Our apportionment in the county is fixed by the board at \$200.00, we have fallen short of this \$70.55. Four societies in the county have equaled their apportionment, one slightly exceeding the amount, the

rest have fallen below. Three churches gave last year that never gave before, the amount given in the Association last year was \$129.45. \$22 83 less than the year before; this can be accounted for by the fact that three Societies that for a number of years have reported contributions, have failed to do so last year on account of heavy financial burdens at home. Sisters in these Societies inform us that they deeply regret their inability to help and assure us that we have their prayers and that they expect to take up the work another year. Every letter I have written, save one, has been promptly answered containing most kind and encouraging words for which I heartily thank you.

In some ways more interest was manifest last year in the Association in Woman's Home Missions than in any previous year; I have received a goodly number of letters asking questions and desiring information in regard to the work, all of these I have promptly answered, thanking God that new seed was beginning to spring up, that would some day bear fruit. Another encouragement is the assurance that many Women throughout the Association are praying for the workers and the work. It is true that if we earnestly pray for a cause we cannot long withhold from it our offering or ourselves.

It is said of William Carry that when an offering was being taken for missions as the plate was passed to him he said, "dear Lord I have no money, it is all I can do, I give myself."

Last year the young Ladies were asked to make an offering to help support Miss Anna Barkley in Cuba. Miss Barkley is called the young Ladies' Missionary as the young Ladies in the country have assumed her support. Every one who has read her letters in the *Tidings* must be interested in her work. The young Ladies in two churches have sent offerings for Miss Barkley's work this year. In addition to Miss Barkley's support, the young Ladies are asked to contribute to the building of a house which shall include rooms for industrial classes and women's meetings at our mission at Saddle mountains. I sincerely hope that the young Ladies in every church in the Association may be represented with offerings for this work.

The Baby Band, which is composed of children under seven years are to support a kindergarten for the little Mexicans in Mexico and one for the little Chinese in San Francisco; last year the offering for Baby Band throughout our country amounted to \$588.95. Let us have a Baby Band in every church in our country. The boys and girls from eight to fifteen years, belonging to Juniors, Mission Bands, or Sunday school, are asked this year to send their money to help open new stations and to support a Jesus woman among the Indians.

I do most earnestly urge that there be some one appointed in every church to solicit subscriptions for the *Tidings*, that we may know more of what the 140 missionaries sent out by the general Society are doing. I sometimes think that lack of interest is due to lack of

knowledge. If we realized what the Lord has wrought through missions and missionaries it does seem that we all would be more willing to give as the Lord prospers us.

Sisters, the work is not yours or mine, but the Lord's; He has committed it to our hands; let us prove faithful to our trust. New duties and new opportunities have opened up to us and we begin to see God's purpose in placing Cuba under our protection; we also see God's great purpose in broadening the borders of our country until it reaches out to the Pacific coasts, which touches all nations. The opportunity and responsibility is upon us and if we listen we shall hear our Master's words; 'The harvest is great' and 'the fields are white; who will go or send laborers to gather the ripened grain into my garner?'

Sisters let us tarry and wait at the foot of the cross until we are endued with power from on high and as the days and months of the present year go by may we when we come up to our next annual meeting lay our gathered sheaves at His feet, look up into the face of our Master and by faith get a glimpse of His approving smile and in whisperings of love hear these words, 'she hath done what she could.'

Women of God, the hour has come arise in Jesus name,
Thy strength is in the living God, all other help is vain.
God's footsteps now are on the sea, the Isles stretch forth their
hands.

The Son of righteousness shines forth upon the distant lands.

Women of God, be swift to go, the doors are open wide,
The times are full of promise, 'tis like the flowing tide.
Sail out upon the deep broad sea and let thy heart be brave,
To do, or bear, or suffer a dying world to save.

The report for the year ending March 30, 1901 is as follows:

NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR.	Cash.	Goods
Afton	\$ 9 75	
Brisbin	2 00	
Coventry	3 00	
Earlville	5 00	
So. New Berlin	12 25	
So. Otselec	24 15	
Norwich, First	44 00	
McDonough	2 00	
Oxford	10 00	
Plymouth	2 00	
Sherburne	2 45	
Smyrna	12 75	
Smyrna Children Band	10	\$ 8 00
	\$ 129 45	\$ 8 00

X.—Report of the

JUNIOR MISSION WORK.

Mrs. P. A. Hayes, Junior Secretary.

While our Association has made steady growth in its interest in Foreign Missions, and the most gratifying results have been obtained, we must call your attention to the Junior department lest it be forgotten.

Queen Sophia of Sweden said often, "The world's history is made in the nursery". Here we find the Cradle Roll and in missionary history we begin with the sweetest little corner of our homes and churches. The Cradle Roll has not increased in membership but has contributed the usual amount for missions.

The steamer trunks won the hearts of the children of the primary Sunday school classes (and many of these called them "too cute for anything"). They accepted them as little treasures and packed them with their pennies ready to sail away. The teachers with the aid of the children gave appropriate exercises at Christmas time and surely the dear Savior did bless their efforts. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me." Let us pray that the Good Shepherd will make those who have time and ability, love Him enough to continue to feed His lambs.

Our Junior Christian Endeavor societies with their strong leaders are greatly encouraged and have held meetings all through the year with a large attendance and good interest apparent and they report these as the most active societies in the church. Entertainments have been given with good success and their gifts increased. The Juniors supplied many of the sick with flowers during the Summer months besides doing many acts of charity and kindness. The Junior Supt's. found it difficult to get the envelopes returned and asked that boxes be substituted and their request was granted.

The number of Mission Bands have not increased owing to other Junior Societies but their work has moved quietly and steadily onward.

At Afton thirty dollars in money has been raised besides bedding and clothing made and valued at \$15.70 prepaid and forwarded to Burma in answer to an appeal from Mrs. H. W. Mix, telling of her great need of clothing for eighteen orphan children in her care. The package also contained picture and lesson cards, dolls, toys and missionary valentines which were made by the children. Many of these

were original in design and expressed the love they bore to the little waifs in Shanland. One little Italian boy who was not permitted to attend the meetings asked his teacher to help him make a missionary valentine and not one was more proud than he as he brought his gift. A beautiful letter was sent in return to the children thanking them for the help they had extended to their little brothers and sisters so far away.

Special effort has been made to lay the responsibility on the hearts of the young people and our Farther Lights are becoming better established. One Farther Lights circle has been re-organized with a membership of fourteen and is doing excellent work.

One new Farther Lights circle has been organized with a membership of thirteen. They have co-operated with their efficient leader and at the February meeting responded heartily to the call "How the Silver Problem was solved," and during the next month they sent unique invitations to their friends to attend their first missionary entertainment. The hall was trimmed with Japanese lanterns, fans and parasols; warm sugar was served, candy and various articles were made and sold to increase their fund in addition to the systematic giving. This Circle has the honor of being the banner one in the Association. A few short months after its organization one of its members, Miss Lake, obeyed the call, "The Master hath need of thee" and her spirit left this earthly home of suffering for the beautiful home of light.

The *Manual of Missions* for Sunday schools has not been generally adopted. *Around the World* is circulated in some of our schools while many of the Juniors have taken the *Junior Christian Endeavor World*. The *Helping Hand* is studied by our Farther Lights.

Unfilled and unreturned blanks still produce heartaches and once more we ask "how to arouse the uninterested?"

One noticeable phase is the fact that some of the smaller, struggling churches come nearer reaching their apportionments than do some of the stronger.

The work is the Lord's and is not of our own planning, else we should be cast down and utterly fail. If what has been accomplished is acceptable to Him we are glad to press on, we shall have His presence with us and can truly say, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

XI—Treasurer's Report

To received for the American Baptist Missionary Union.....	\$ 18 46
To received for the Baptist Educational Society.....	13 50
To received for Aged Ministers.....	12 83
To received for Missionary Convention.....	15 02
To received for Baptist Home Missions.....	31 35
To received for Printing Minutes and Programs.....	42 31
To received of C. B. Parsons.....	1 00

\$ 134 47

Paid the American Baptist Missionary Union.....	\$ 18 46
Paid H. S. Loyd.....	13 50
Paid M. H. Pogson.....	12 69
Paid for draft.....	14
Paid H. W. Barnes.....	15 02
Paid Frank R. Hathaway.....	31 23
Paid for draft.....	12
Paid C. B. Parsons.....	39 21
Paid for Programs.....	3 10
Paid W. H. Jacox, for postage.....	80

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The Messages from the Churches.

AFTON—The year has been one of mingled hopefulness and discouragements. Some baptisms are reported, and efforts have been made to increase interest in the study of God's word. As a church we are conscious of great spiritual needs.

BAINBRIDGE—Sickness of the pastor and his family seriously interfered with work for vigorous growth. The most encouraging feature of our church work, is that of the Sunday school. In the general church benevolences we have adopted the weekly "lay by" pledge, and envelope system, supplementing such offerings by public collections for each object at regular periods.

BAINBRIDGE, SECOND—We are trying to do something to build up the Kingdom of God in the earth. We are few in numbers, but truly are encouraged in our work.

COVENTRY—The church has passed through a year of cloud as well as sunshine. Our pastor, Rev. G. A. Starkweather, resigned July 7. Since then we have been supplied with afternoon services. Our Sunday school has been very interesting.

EARLVILLE—The year has been one of prosperity and blessing. The prospect is bright. All departments of church work are in good condition.

GREENE—After a great trial in the loss of our former house of worship, by fire, we have been enabled to build a new church home. We want God's glory to fill this house and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit, that we may be a consecrated people, and that many souls may be saved.

MCDONOUGH—Have held, regularly, three services each week and all are well attended and a good degree of interest is manifested. Have repaired our house of worship at an expense of \$200. We appreciate the faithful ministrations of our pastor. There have been twelve baptisms.

NEW BERLIN—We have completed the remodeling of our house of worship, and the expense for the same is provided. A good revival interest was manifested during last winter, and fourteen were added to the church by baptism. We lament the death of our beloved Deacon Cady.

SOUTH NEW BERLIN—In all departments of work and religious services, we note progress. Nineteen children were baptized Children's day. The total contributions for benevolences exceed those of last year. The church is well organized and we look for continued and increased prosperity during the coming year.

NORWICH, FIRST—Though we have changed pastors, all departments of effort have their place and are carried on faithfully. We feel that we have great cause for thankfulness for past blessings, and are looking forward hopefully, expecting still greater things in the future.

NORWICH, CALVARY—All the services of the church are well attended.

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CHENANGO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

We especially rejoice in the work of the young people. A large Baraca class is supported by the young men of the church. We are praying for and expecting an abundant harvest of souls, and to this end we ask the prayers of all God's people.

NORTH NORWICH—We are newly organized, and hopeful; we have preaching each Sunday afternoon.

OTSELIC—Our church seems to be on the downward road. Please help us with your advice and prayers.

SOUTH OTSELIC—We report more baptisms than for several years past. Have expended about \$400 in repairs on our house of worship. Our Sunday congregations are good, prayer meetings well sustained. Altogether we feel that we have great cause to thank God and take courage.

OXFORD—It has been a year of prosperity and blessings. In all departments of church organization, work has been done unitedly and faithfully.

OXFORD AND GREENE, BRISBIN—It has been a year of marked improvement; attendance at church services and Sunday school have been greatly increased. Some much needed improvements have been made on our house of worship. We still trust in God and hope for brighter days in the future.

EAST PHARSALIA—We are not satisfied with the progress we have made the past year, but perhaps if we were more dissatisfied, we should be incited to greater activity. Our hearts are cheered, by one recent addition by letter.

PITCHER—The interior of our church edifice has been greatly improved with new carpet, wall paper, etc. We have also made repairs on the parsonage. Although we have not seen the ingathering of souls, that we have desired, we feel confident that the Lord will not fail to bless the labors of his people, and reward those who are trying to do His bidding. In some ways we take courage.

PLYMOUTH—A spiritual growth has been gained. Sunday services are well attended, and much interest has been shown in the study of God's word.

SHERBURNE—Special attention has been given to the young, with the feeling that the teaching and training will be essential good to them, and of spiritual benefit to the church. We are going forward, with the conviction that the One Master, with His message, must save all ages and classes.

SMYRNA—Our encouragement is in the interest of our young people in their own meetings and in the Sunday school. We enter upon another year of work, trusting in the Lord to guide and use us, in His own way.

TRIANGLE—Interest in the church is increasing, as seen in prayer meeting, etc. We need financial help greatly.

OBITUARY LIST.

CHURCH.	NAME.	AGE	DATE OF DEATH.
Afton	Amy Holmes	81	March 25, 1901
Bainbridge	Charity P. Cooper	66	January 16, 1901
"	Mary Ireland		January 25, 1901
"	Anna Valentine		February 11, 1901
"	LaVern W. Yale	38	August 8, 1901
West Bainbridge	Almira Lyon	75	November 16, 1900
"	Mrs. W. Smithers	82	December 10, 1900
"	Wellington Davidson	40	February 7, 1901
Coventry	Silva Andrews	85	February 1901
"	Julia Parker	58	
Greene	Mrs. Isaac Watts	65	November 5, 1900
"	Miss Marie Ramsey	65	January 31, 1901
"	Ira Osborne	74	March 21, 1901
"	Mrs. Charlotte Walworth	48	May 28, 1901
"	Mrs. Miranda Prince	74	September 23, 1901
McDonough	Adeline Huntley		January 12, 1901
New Berlin	Dea. E. H. Cady	66	June 19, 1901
South New Berlin	Mrs. Cora Alice Camp	33	October 22, 1900
"	Mrs. Julia E. Carpenter	80	November 1900
"	Mrs. Lottie Sargent	27	March 23, 1901
"	Miss Elizabeth Steere	79	March 26, 1901
"	Mrs. Marion S. Walker	30	June 3, 1901
"	James E. Garner	64	July 13, 1901
"	Amelia Camp	67	August 15, 1901
Norwich, First	Frederic B. Hopkins	82	November 28, 1900
"	Charlotte P. Mowry	69	December 9, 1900
"	L. J. Brooks	50	December 12, 1900
"	Mrs. C. G. Smith	82	December 16, 1900
"	Mrs. Isaac Bliven	83	January 30, 1901
"	Mrs. Eliza Slater	81	May 16, 1901
"	Miss Emma Wheeler	73	May 16, 1901
"	Mrs. Sarah Record	66	August 6, 1901
"	Mrs. J. J. Wescott	77	August 6, 1901
"	Ezra Barnes	78	August 17, 1901
"	Bruce Leslie	20	September 2, 1901
Norwich, Calvary	Mrs. L. Colton	74	March 30, 1901
"	Mrs. L. Skinner	72	August 21, 1901
"	Mrs. A. L. Wright	45	February 21, 1901
"	Mrs. A. L. Wilcox	74	October 12, 1900
"	Mrs. Hattie T. Brown	59	December 21, 1900
Oxford	Mrs. Allen Briggs	22	October 30, 1900
"	Andrew Mowry	84	November 7, 1900
"	Hannah Keyes	64	January 15, 1901
"	Ann E. Root	54	May 1, 1901
"	Naomi Shapley	87	June 15, 1901
Oxford and Greene	Richard Tremaine	83	February 15, 1901
"	Sabra Senneck	76	July 16, 1901
Pitcher	Ida Lewis	38	June 1901
"	Sarah A. Dickerson	52	July 1901
Plymouth	Mrs. Eliza Butts	83	November 21, 1900
"	Mrs. Delphernia Daily	69	January 7, 1901
Sherburne	Anna M. Merrihew		December 12, 1900

THE HISTORY
OF THE
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
—OF—
NORWICH, NEW YORK.

On the 13th of August 1814 a little band of earnest men and women met at the home of one of their number in Norwich, N. Y.

The minutes of this meeting read as follows. "We, a little number of us who profess to be Baptist in sentiment assembled at the house of Elder Jedidiah Randall for the purpose of trying to form ourselves into a church for which each one manifested an anxious desire. Chese Elder Jedidiah Randall moderator and Reuben Nichols clerk.

Appointed four brethren to draw up articles of faith and a covenant to present at the next meeting. Committee Elder Jedidiah Randall, Elder Jonathan Haskell, John Randall and Beriah Lewis. Adjourned to August 18. Reuben Nichols clerk."

According to adjournment the brethren met again on the eighteenth of the same month, adopted the articles of faith and the covenant and subscribed their names to the same for the purpose as they said "of becoming a church in Gospel order as soon as Providence permit.

Beriah Lewis

John Randall

Jedidiah Randall

Jonathan Haskell

Elias Breed

Thomas Prentice

Reuben Nichols

Lois Lewis

Lois W. Lewis

Mary Norton

Anna Nichols

Huldah Welch

Anna York

Elizabeth Breed

Prudy Brushel

On March first of the next year, by invitation of the church so formed, a council convened at the same place, composed of delegates from churches at Norwich (now North Norwich) German, Preston, Brockfield and Pharsalia. After examination and due deliberation this council voted unanimously to give them fellowship as a church.

This was the beginning of the present First Baptist church of Norwich.

The corporate body called the Church and Society was organized in 1816.

They continued to hold services at the house of Elder Randall for

some two years, but after the great revival which swept over the country in 1816 they removed to the ball-room of a hotel and later to the Court house where they worshipped till the erection of their first church building in 1817.

The first pastor was Elder Jedidiah Randall, the first deacons were Chas. Randall and Ira Noble, the first trustees Hashall Ransford, Chas. Randall, Thomas Prentice, Isaac Slater, Asa Norton, Thomas Mead, Hezekiah Brown, Elias Breed and Lot Clark.

The first clerk was Renben Nichols but he was soon succeeded by Thomas Prentice who served seventeen years. During the eighty seven years of its existence the church has had eighteen pastors. The first as we have said was Elder Randall who served for about eight years. The second was Silas Spaulding. The third was Jabez Swan who came in 1830. He was probably the most famous preacher who ever lived in central New York. He was a powerful man both physically and spiritually and especially gifted in prayer, and during the revival meetings which he held the whole community was stirred and many conversions took place. He baptized 159 persons during his pastorate of seven years.

From this time the church seems to have enjoyed a steady growth for some years under the leadership of Rev. Alonzo Wheelock, Rev. Leland Howard, and Rev. Charles T. Johnson.

The seventh pastor was Rev. John Duncan who came in 1845. During his first year the church edifice, which was situated where the Piano block now stands, took fire mysteriously one August day and burned to the ground.

The services were then held in the Court house until the present church building, which had been commenced the previous year was completed. It was dedicated in December 1845.

It was during his pastorate, probably in February '46, that the famous all night prayer meeting of which we have heard so often took place. The meeting was dismissed at the usual time but the people would not go away and many remained and prayed until three o'clock in the morning and several conversions took place.

Rev. Marsena Stone the next pastor was called in 1847. At his coming the church was badly in debt and much discouraged but through his tireless energy the debt was raised and the church built up in every way. There are those still among us who cherish his memory fondly. It was during his pastorate that Rev. Harvey and Mrs. Eunice Knapp, the only direct representatives this church has had on the foreign field went out as missionaries to Burma.

In 1854 Rev. Lyman Wright, one of the best beloved and most successful pastors the church has ever had came to take up the work. He resigned in '58 on account of ill health but returned in '59 and remained till '61. He baptized 264 persons.

Rev. R. A. Patterson who came in '58 was the only pastor ever ordained by the church. He was obliged to leave in one month on account of illness but accepted a second call in '59 and remained about two years. His pastorate was successful in building up the church as he baptized 115.

Rev. Amos N. Benedict was pastor from 1861 to 1865. A patriot of the purest type his influence was deeply felt during the trying days of the civil war.

In 1868 the church called Rev. J. D. Pope to be its pastor. About the time of his coming the church building was repaired and beautified and a re-dedication took place on Nov. 1st of that year.

In June 1873 Rev. L. M. S. Haynes became pastor. He was an energetic and wise pastor and the work flourished in his hands. He baptized 172 and the writer well remembers the Sunday morning in April '75 when he gave the right hand of fellowship to about one hundred new comers of whom she was one. His pastorate closed in April 1880.

Rev. Henry A. Delano the next pastor was an eloquent preacher and a man who inspired loyal devotion in some of his people but aroused opposition from others by his outspokenness on some subjects. During his stay the house was again repaired and put in nearly its present shape. His pastorate closed in 1885.

Rev. Warren G. Partridge was pastor from 1886 to 1890. An excellent pastor and tireless worker the church flourished under his charge. He baptized 132 in one year.

In June 1890 Rev. T. G. Cass became pastor. The church flourished during the first years of his pastorate and in 1894 reported the largest membership in its history, 758. But about that time dissensions arose which divided the people into two bitterly opposing factions. He resigned in 1896.

Rev. R. N. Martin was called as supply in Nov. 1896 and settled as pastor in Jan. 1897. In the first year of his stay came the division when more than a hundred members took letters to form a new organization, now the Calvary church. Mr. Martin's pastorate closed on the first of January last.

The present pastor Rev. J. L. Ray came to us in April last and the history of his work still remains to be written.

Lest this may seem too much like a catalogue of pastors only, we will mention the names of some others who have been closely identified with the life of the church as deacons.

After the first two mentioned above were brethren Samuel Pike, Orris Hamilton, Anson Mead, Charles York, D. M. Randall, Ralph Johnson, Hiram Hale, Thomas H. Prentice, Loren D. Bacon, Warren

Wright, Hamilton Phelps, Albert C. Latham, Harvey Thompson all of whom have passed to their reward, besides those who still remain with us.

Besides these there have been many devoted brethren and of women not a few, who have prayed and labored for the church with their whole hearts.

It has been a church noted for revivals there having been at least ten times when more than fifty have been added by baptism in one year.

The whole number of baptisms in its history has been nearly if not quite two thousand five hundred. It may also be truly called a mother of ministers as it has sent out so many of its young men into that work, some of them are still doing valiant service, while others have passed over to the Church triumphant, where we all hope to meet bye and bye.

“One army of the living God
Before His throne we bow.
Part of the host have crossed the flood
And part are crossing now.”

NAMES OF DELEGATES.

- AFTON—REV. H. C. MERRILL, Dea. L. E. Jackson, D. D. Harris,
Robert Searles, Mrs. Searles, Geo. A. Coombs, Mrs. Coombs.
- BAINBRIDGE, First—REV. C. D. REED, Mrs. Reed, Dea. W. D. Kirby,
Mrs. Curtis.
- BAINBRIDGE, Second—REV. C. D. REED, Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Loomis,
Mr. and Mrs. E. Coe, Mr. and Mrs. L. Smith.
- COVENTRY—REV. C. J. BURTON, (supply) Thomas Tift, Elizabeth
Tift, Emma F. Hopkins.
- EARLVILLE—REV. J. B. GANONG, Mrs. Ganong, Mrs. H. H. White,
Mrs. R. H. Williamson.
- GREENE—REV. J. C. BARBER, Rev. C. Darby, F. S. Race, M. S.
Parker, A. Page, E. C. Race, L. A. Peck, Mrs. J. E. Sherwood,
Mrs. E. W. Curtis, Mrs. J. C. Marey.
- MCDONOUGH—REV. F. W. ASQUITH, Rev. A. W. Barrows, Mrs. Barrows,
Alfred L. Gale, Ella Nightingale, Mrs. Minnie H. Howe.
- NEW BERLIN—REV. E. A. BACON, Mrs. Bacon, G. W. Christman,
Mrs. Christman, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bailey.
- SOUTH NEW BERLIN—REV. C. E. DRAKE, Mrs. Drake, E. M. Pike,
Mrs. Pike, Mrs. E. R. Curtis.
- NORWICH, First—REV. J. L. RAY, D. D., Dea. J. S. Shattuck, Dea.
G. H. Boyd, Mrs. T. Sheldon, Mrs. G. H. Johnson, Myra Shattuck,
Nellie Hannis, Lucy Jennison, Florence Rindge.
- NORWICH, Calvary—REV. S. J. FORD, Mrs. Ford, Dea. Lewis, Mrs.
Lewis, Dea. Post, Mrs. Post, Sarah Trask, Hattie Fitch, Josephine
Whitfield, Maurice Hopkins.
- SOUTH OTSELIC—REV. GEORGE BOWLER, F. E. Cox, Mrs. Cox,
John Fairbanks, Mrs. Fairbanks.
- OXFORD—REV. C. B. PARSONS, Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. D. Bartle, Mrs. S.
Turner, Mrs. J. H. Root, Mrs. A. Mowry, Jennie Race, Esther
Root, Frank Root, Ruth E. Root.
- OXFORD AND GREENE—REV. C. J. BURTON, George W. Gray,
Mrs. Gray, Mrs. C. Jervis, Mrs. Minnie B. Morehouse.
- EAST PHARSALIA—REV. F. W. ASQUITH, J. Benedict, Mrs. Bene-
dict.
- PITCHER—REV. W. P. DECKER, Dea. L. W. Swan, E. L. Warner,
Dea. E. W. Dickerson, Mrs. C. L. Baldwin.
- PLYMOUTH—REV. H. R. McMILLAN, Homer Montgomery.
- SHERBURNE—REV. J. W. GRIFFITH, Dea. G. D. Adsit, Mrs. Adsit,
Thomas G. Boss, Mrs. Boss, George Austin, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. C.
W. Lewis.
- SMYRNA—REV. E. V. BUCHANAN.
- TRIANGLE—REV. P. J. PECK, Mrs. Peck, J. Self.

No. 1.--STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EDUCATION.

Name of Church, when Organized.	Name of Pastor.	Name of Clerk.	Baptized.	Added by Letter, Etc.	Dismissed.	Excluded or Erased.	Died.	Present Num.	Gain.	Loss.	Name of Superintendent.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Total.	Average Attendance.	Baptized.	In Academies.	In College.	In Theological Seminary.	Studying for the Ministry.	Teaching.
Afton, 1833.	C. Merrill.	L. E. Jackson.	17	16	19	11	1	133	246	2	Peter Krum.	1	16	150	166	80	16	15	1	1	1	1
Bainbridge, 1806.	C. D. Reed.	W. D. Kirby.	3	3	3	3	1	133	133	11	Mrs. R. W. Kirby.	1	13	107	120	70	16	50	1	1	1	1
Corvally, 1814.	C. J. Burton.	Ernest S. Lyon.	8	8	3	3	3	133	133	11	Geo. Yelverton.	1	8	22	30	22	4	1	1	1	1	1
Earlville, 1802.	J. B. Ganong.	Mrs. F. P. Hopkins.	15	15	9	9	3	133	133	11	C. J. Smith.	1	19	170	189	98	14	10	3	1	1	1
Greene, 1831.	J. C. Barber.	M. S. Briggs.	15	15	1	1	1	133	133	11	J. A. Ireland.	1	17	169	186	88	3	10	3	1	1	1
McDonough, 1832.	F. W. Asquith.	Frank L. Spencer.	12	12	1	1	1	133	133	11	Mrs. A. W. Barrows.	1	13	175	188	48	12	20	1	1	1	1
New Berlin, 1831.	E. A. Bacon.	Miss L. A. Hills.	14	14	2	2	1	133	133	11	William Bailey.	1	18	153	171	64	8	20	1	1	1	1
So. New Berlin, 1799.	C. E. Drake.	W. H. Jacob.	25	25	3	3	1	133	133	11	E. W. Hale.	1	18	212	230	129	25	35	3	1	1	1
Norwich (1st), 1814.	J. L. Ray.	Miss J. E. Musson.	14	14	3	3	1	133	133	11	H. O. Hale.	1	37	234	271	128	4	25	1	1	1	1
Norwich (2d), 1807.	S. J. Ford.	Mrs. E. A. Adams.	12	12	10	10	5	133	133	11	John H. Smith.	1	24	250	304	150	6	25	1	1	1	1
No. Norwich, 1801.	E. V. Buchanan.	B. O. Bryant.	12	12	10	10	5	133	133	11	W. W. Smith.	1	24	250	304	150	6	25	1	1	1	1
*Orselle, 1832.	G. Bowler.	Fred E. Cox.	8	8	1	1	1	133	133	11	Fred E. Cox.	1	12	70	82	60	8	1	1	1	1	1
So. Orselle, 1844.	C. B. Parsons.	P. G. Jacobs.	2	2	1	1	1	133	133	11	G. R. Burdon.	1	18	122	210	100	1	1	1	1	1	1
Oxford, 1815.	C. J. Burton.	F. D. Trueman.	2	2	2	2	1	133	133	11	C. J. Burton.	1	9	62	71	41	1	1	1	1	1	1
Oxford-Greene, 1795.	F. W. Asquith.	S. J. Faulkner.	2	2	2	2	1	133	133	11	Mrs. S. Faulkner.	1	10	60	70	35	5	4	1	1	1	1
East Pharsalia, 1840.	W. P. Decker.	D. Z. Dickerson.	3	3	1	1	1	133	133	11	R. L. Cass.	1	10	60	70	35	5	4	1	1	1	1
Pitcher, 1805.	H. R. McMillan.	H. A. Evans.	3	3	1	1	1	133	133	11	H. A. Evans.	1	10	60	70	35	5	4	1	1	1	1
Plymouth, 1841.	J. W. Griffith.	Miss A. R. Merrinew.	3	3	1	1	1	133	133	11	D. J. Fairchild.	1	19	110	129	70	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sherburne, 1838.	E. V. Buchanan.	Miss A. Gardnet.	3	3	1	1	1	133	133	11	Mrs. G. Padney.	1	14	67	81	28	1	1	1	1	1	1
Smayrna, 1814.	E. J. Peck.	S. V. Phelps.	3	3	1	1	1	133	133	11	G. Baker.	1	10	78	88	40	3	3	1	1	1	1
Triangle, 1831.			3	3	1	1	1	133	133	11		1	10	78	88	40	3	3	1	1	1	1
Totals.			122	92	77	21	58	3970				230	233	2335	1285	109						

*1808

No. 2.—STATISTICS OF FINANCES, EXPENSES, Etc.

CHURCHES.	Pastors' Salary, Etc.	Sunday School Expenses.	Improvement of Church Property.	For Minutes.	Total Expenses.	Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness— (a) Mortgage (b) Floating.	Total Benevolence. (See Table No. 3)	Total Expenses and Benevolence.	Compared with Last Year.			
										Home Work.		Benevolence.	
										Gain.	Loss.	Gain.	Loss.
Afton.....	\$ 600 00	\$ 57 31	\$ 150 00	\$ 2 50	\$ 1032 50	\$ 6,000 00	(b)	\$ 171 11	\$ 1,223 61	\$ 271 49	\$ 102 79	\$ 271 20	\$ 271 20
Bainbridge.....	666 73	57 31	25 00	1 50	735 74	7,000 00	.....	57 54	733 23	13 75	13 75	1 19	8 77
Bainbridge (2d).....	120 00	.....	.....	1 75	145 75	3,500 00	.....	10 52	156 27	13 75	13 75	1 19	54 75
Coventry.....	83 93	8 23	25 00	1 00	90 20	7,000 00	.....	6 30	96 50	123 82	123 82	17 99	54 84
Earlville.....	906 13	49 00	31 00	1 00	988 73	7,500 00	(b)	89 58	1,078 31	103 58	103 58	37 58	24 34
Greene.....	1000 00	144 38	100 00	2 00	1137 38	18,000 00	(b)	92 80	11,240 48	102 21	102 21	14 75	240 54
McDonough.....	286 06	26 85	207 46	1 33	531 72	3,000 00	.....	56 18	587 90	145 77	145 77	2 62	44 00
New Berlin.....	775 00	32 00	200 00	1 00	373 00	8,500 00	(b)	46 33	3,773 33	52 84	52 84	14 75	240 54
So. New Berlin.....	1884 10	78 10	187 05	1 80	1,973 23	25,000 00	(b)	180 04	1,275 20	147 46	147 46	2 62	44 00
Norwich (1st).....	1263 63	84 13	.....	1 00	1,347 76	3,450 00	(a+b)	137 84	1,584 47	.....	.....	.....	.....
Norwich (2d).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
N. O. Norwich.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Osatic.....	647 00	30 00	425 00	1 00	1,101 00	4,000 00	.....	85 19	1,186 19	397 96	397 96	12 81	44 09
So. Osatic.....	1207 00	24 88	50 00	1 00	1,285 88	6,000 00	.....	209 75	1,495 63	69 42	69 42	16 85	1 84
Oxford.....	400 00	21 50	225 00	1 00	647 50	1,200 00	.....	31 25	678 75	326 13	326 13	1 84	1 16
E. Pharsalia.....	86 74	10 40	.....	1 00	97 14	3,000 00	.....	21 60	119 24	19 71	19 71	16 43	20 11
Pitcher.....	300 00	10 88	.....	1 25	301 23	3,000 00	.....	41 50	312 73	100 44	100 44	2 62	44 00
Plymouth.....	884 00	3 87	75 00	1 50	963 37	1,000 00	.....	64 93	450 31	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sherburne.....	332 11	38 00	.....	1 00	505 11	1,000 00	.....	62 12	997 23	60 47	60 47	2 62	44 00
Smyrna.....	400 00	.....	.....	1 00	401 00	2,500 00	.....	50 50	553 01	172 06	172 06	2 62	44 00
Triangle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,400 00	.....	9 75	410 75	119 84	119 84	.....	.....
Totals.....	\$ 13,423 05	\$ 801 75	\$ 14,267 52	\$ 30 25	\$ 23,551 57	\$ 125,540 00	(b)	\$ 1,690 75	\$ 30,212 32	.....	.....	.....	.....
Collection.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	(a)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
C. E. Union.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

*Building Fund.

No. 3.—STATISTICS OF BENEVOLENCE,

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.				Home Missions.				Publication Society.			Ministerial Education.		State Convention.			Ministers' Home.	Other Objects.	Total Benevolence.
	Church.	Woman's Society.	Sunday School.	Young People's Society.	Other Sources.	Church.	Woman's Society.	Sunday School.	Young People's Society.	Church.	Sunday School.	Church.	Sunday School.	Church.	Sunday School.	Young People's Society.			
Alton.....	\$ 45.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 37.00	\$15.70	\$ 23.25	\$ 8.50			\$ 3.80	\$ 7.15			\$ 27.00			\$ 4.81	\$ 12.00	\$ 171.11
Bainbridge.....	10.12	4.00				7.14	1.32							12.05					17.54
Bainbridge (2nd).....	1.40																		10.32
Coventry.....	10.00	6.00				11.00	5.00							6.30			3.03	28.10	80.38
Earlville.....	10.00	37.00												25.00			3.50	17.40	62.80
Greene.....	10.00													38.48					42.18
McDonough.....	2.50	4.85								11.20				10.00			3.05	11.43	46.83
New Berlin.....	10.00	30.75				5.00	2.00							14.50			2.70	44.12	180.84
No. New Berlin.....	14.30	30.75				9.00	12.00							42.67					46.83
Norwich (1st).....	30.35	66.72	10.75				44.00							12.00	5.00				235.82
Norwich (Cal).....	60.10	8.00		40.00										8.00				21.00	137.84
North Norwich.....																			
Otselic.....																			
South Otselic.....	5.00	23.97				5.00	23.97							37.25					85.10
Oxford.....	33.00	28.80	25.00	5.00		20.00	5.85			6.20	10.10			30.00			5.00	122.00	200.75
Oxford and Greene.....	12.00				2.00		2.00												31.25
East Pharsalia.....	1.05		50											6.00				14.05	21.50
Pitcher.....		24.00				8.00								7.50					41.50
Plymouth.....	2.35	7.75								3.86	2.86			20.00			2.44	10.00	64.03
Sherburne.....	24.50					1.80	2.45				5.35			7.50			2.00	15.25	62.12
Smyrna.....	2.00	17.50	1.00	50		2.00	12.00			2.25	8.75			2.00				4.50	50.50
Triangle.....										7.75									9.75
Totals.....	\$ 230.77	\$ 222.84	\$18.25	\$101.68	\$17.70	\$ 92.79	\$123.29	\$ 3.00	\$10.35	\$ 34.86	\$ 39.65	\$ 65.12	\$ 12.57	\$ 265.81	\$ 7.81	\$ 2.00	\$27.13	\$ 236.35	\$1680.75

*In goods \$10.00. †In goods \$20.00.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION
of the Chenango County Baptists.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This body shall be called THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION of CHENANGO BAPTISTS.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this Union shall be the promotion of the religious interests of the young people connected with the churches of the Chenango Baptist Association, and to quicken them into more aggressive effort for Christ and the Church.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

This Union shall be composed of the Young Peoples' Societies connected with the churches of the Chenango Baptist Association. Union Societies which have in part a Baptist membership shall be allowed to represent themselves by Baptist delegates.

ARTICLE IV.—MEETINGS.

This Union shall meet in connection with the annual meeting of the Chenango Baptist Association.

ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS AND DUTIES.

The Officers shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall perform the customary duties of these officers.

ARTICLE VI.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The officers of the Union shall be elected by the delegates from the various societies. Names shall be proposed by a nominating committee appointed by the presiding officer.

ARTICLE VII.—MESSAGES.

Each society shall forward to the Secretary of the Union its annual statistics.

ARTICLE VIII.—PROGRAMME COMMITTEE.

The programme shall be in the hands of the programme committee of the Chenango Baptist Association.

ARTICLE IX.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting at any regular meeting of the Union.

ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION
of the Chenango County Baptists.

The session opened at 7 o'clock Thursday evening, October 10th by singing "Joy to the World." The service was conducted by the President, Mr. A. B. Ireland of Greene.

The President appointed the following nominating committee; Rev. C. J. Burton, of Brisbin, Rev. S. J. Ford, Norwich, May Frink, New Berlin.

Prayer was offered by Rev. R. N. Martin, of Greenport, L. I., and the choir rendered an anthem.

The Nominating committee reported:

For President, Ralph W. Kirby, Bainbridge.

For Vice President, J. A. Briggs, Earlville.

For Secretary and Treasurer, May Frink, New Berlin.

Report was adopted.

The address of the evening was made by Rev. A. W. Bourn, D. D. of Gloversville, N. Y., subject: "Christian Imperialism." His address was very helpful and inspiring. He gave us many practical and instructive ideas on personal work, doubtful amusements, spiritual power and missions.

After a hymn we were dismissed with the Christian Endeavor benediction.

MAY FRINK, Secretary.

A Word from the Missionary Committee.

At the annual meeting of the State Convention at Mechanicville, the Board declared its purpose to employ a number of extra helpers this year, for special Evangelistic services. The Missionary Committee of Chenango Association can have one of these brethren to work among our churches. And we solicit correspondence from any churches wishing to hold special meetings. We will arrange dates as rapidly as the churches will inform us of their wishes.

C. B. PARSONS, Chairman,
Oxford, New York.